

APPENDIX TO PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
AMENDED CLAIMS IN U.S. NATIONAL PHASE OF PCT/AU00/00212

6. (Once amended) A mounting plate as in [any one of claims 1 to 5 inclusive] claim 1 being adapted to be driven by a random orbital means.

7. (Once amended) A mounting plate as in [any one of claims 1 to 6 inclusive] claim 1 wherein the center of the mounting plate is part of the web.

11. (Once amended) A mounting plate as in [any one of claims 7 to 10 inclusive] claim 7 including a plurality of vacuum ports, at least one vacuum port being through the web and proximal to the center of the mounting plate, and other vacuum ports being through the web and proximal to the periphery of the mounting plate.

12. (Once amended) A mounting plate as in [any one of claims 7 to 11 inclusive] claim 7 including a plurality of vacuum ports, at least one vacuum port being through each mounting area being adapted to align with a dust extraction aperture of a surface finishing pad.

14. (Once amended) A mounting plate as in [any one of claims 1 to 13 inclusive] claim 1 wherein each mounting area has at least one channel therein adapted to direct dust to the vacuum port or a one of the vacuum ports through the respective mounting area.

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15. (Once amended) A mounting plate as in [any one of claims 1 to 14 inclusive] claim 1 wherein the mounting areas are circular and of diameter less than or equal to 373mm.

16. (Once amended) A mounting plate as in [any one of claims 1 to 15 inclusive] claim 1 including hook and loop means adapted for attaching a surface finishing pad to each mounting area on the mounting plate.

17. (Once amended) A mounting plate as in [any one of claims 1 to 16 inclusive] claim 1 comprising a plurality of layers between an external surface upon which the mounting areas lie and a rear surface, and the mounting plate including a first layer including the mounting areas made of urethane and a second layer of resilient material.

18. (Once amended) A mounting plate as in [any one of claims 1 to 17 inclusive] claim 1 wherein the vacuum port or at least one of the vacuum ports fits over a hollow cylindrical dust extraction peg, the dust extraction peg having an external circumferential groove, and the mounting plate including a thin backing plate with a peg aperture of diameter slightly smaller than the external diameter of the peg and adapted to receive the dust extraction peg, and the thickness and resiliency of the backing plate being such that the mounting plate may be pushed onto and pulled off the dust extraction peg and when secured relative to the dust extraction peg the backing plate resides within the groove.

Amend claim 22 as follows:

22. (Once Amended) A surface finishing machine as in [either] claim 20 [or 21] including vacuum dust extraction means adapted to facilitate vacuum dust extraction through respective vacuum ports on the mounting plate.

Amend claim 26 as follows:

26. (Once Amended) A surface finishing machine as in [either] claim 20 [or 25] including a base plate connected to the random orbital drive means and adapted to receive the mounting plate.

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